

MORE EFFECT OF NEW TARIFF

Boston Men Put \$50,000 In- to Boneless Fish Plant at Cape Breton.

Three waterfront areas on the harbor at Leitch's Creek have been purchased by Captain Carter a big dealer, of Boston. The purchase will be followed immediately by the erection of an immense modern curing house.

The main building will be one hundred by sixty feet, equipped with all the latest devices for bleaching, curing and preparation of boneless fish, while local capital will be used principally. Boston men are interested to the extent of \$50,000. It is understood that a large cold storage plant will also be constructed here.—Halifax Herald.

T WHARF FEARS NO FISH INVASION

The threatened invasion of Boston's fish market with cheap supplies from Newfoundland is not likely to materialize, says the Boston Herald, according to opinions expressed by T wharf dealers.

They anticipate possibly lower prices through the revision of the tariff, but deny the outlook for any change due to Newfoundland competition.

A Boston fish bureau official admitted that the Newfoundlanders might bring salt fish here, but pointed out that their staple product—hard dried fish—is not in much demand in the section of the United States supplied from Boston.

"Perhaps under the new tariff," he said, "the Newfoundlanders may conclude to manufacture a brand of fish that will sell here, but their present trade requires practically all the fish caught by the fleet, and there is no need for any expansion which would put their product into Boston."

It was learned that American buyers are familiar with the conditions in Newfoundland. They have been for several years there picking up salt fish and herring whenever these fish could be obtained at a price which made profit possible. The herring they purchase during the winter season is loaded into schooners dispatched to Bay of Islands for the purpose of freighting the cargo into local ports—Boston and Gloucester.

While the Newfoundlanders are not likely to "butt in" with fresh fish at T wharf, they are known to be sending increased quantities of salt fish to the West Indies, South America and the coast countries of Europe.

SALT STEAMER HAD ROUGH TRIP

The British steamer Beeswing, Capt. R. Reeve, arrived here yesterday from Iviza, Spain, with a cargo of 2600 tons of salt consigned to Fred Bradley. The Beeswing was 22 days from Iviza and her captain had a rough and windy passage across.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Thalia, Georges handling.
Sch. Volant, Georges handling.
Sch. Sadle M. Nunan, haddocking.
Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddocking.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

T Wharf's Weekly Receipts.

Arrivals of fresh ground fish at Boston for the week ending May 29, totaled 1,591,300 pounds from 36 fares against 1,420,450 pounds from 48 fares for the same week in 1912.

LOCAL FISH MEN BUY HEAVILY

And Cape Breton Fishermen Profit Accordingly on Re- cent Big Cod Hauls.

Great catches of fish are being taken in the Northern Victoria, Cape Breton waters, the like of which was never known at this season of the year. An instance of the great fortune that is smiling on the fishermen may be gathered from the fact that Sidney Burke took over 500 quintals of fish last week, which means a sum of \$2000 for his troubles, with the prospects brighter than ever for the near future.

The Middle Head Trap Company, composed of 11 men, with only two traps last week took on upwards of 160,000 pounds of haddock which they sold to the Gorton-Pew people for \$12,000 or over \$500 a man for seven days. Besides this amount they also succeeded in taking about 60,000 pounds which they sold to the other fishermen on shares, as the Gorton-Pew representative, James Walsh, was unable to close the bargain before the other boats negotiated for the 60,000 pounds.

Compared with last year, which was a phenomenal one so far as large catches were concerned, the success of the fishermen last week was not quite so good, but when it is remembered that the season for the haddock is not quite here, and will not come until about the first week in June, when the mackerel strike in, the catch so far is not only phenomenal, but even better than that of last year.

At any rate, the fishermen of Northern Victoria are reaping a great harvest, and every man of the local fleet is taking advantage of his opportunities and making hay while the sun shines.—North Sydney Herald.

Provincetown Fishing Notes.

The new schooner Progress, of which Captain Antoine King Sousa is half owner and master, arrived from Gloucester May 22, with colors flying. She was alongside the Fisherman Cold Storage wharf Friday and Saturday and was thrown open for public inspection. Many people looked over the new craft and were favorably impressed with rig and accommodations. Refreshments were served. Saturday the crew got their belongings aboard and made everything ready to begin the season's work in a new vessel.

Sch. Mildred Robinson of Boston, brought here several weeks ago by Michael Gaspa, who was to sail in her as master, was taken back to Boston last week by her owner as it was impossible to ship a crew. While lying in the harbor a large quantity of trawl lines were stolen that were under lock and key.

Whiting were the only fish of any account to be taken in local waters last week.

Dogfish were plentiful last week and drove everything else away. This fact leads many to believe that mackerel are schooling not very far away, as the dogfish are known to stick close to the mackerel schools.

Increase Cold Storage Capacity.

The Grand Bank and Newfoundland Ice Co., Ltd., formed by the Hon. John Harvey and others, whose headquarters is Cape Broyle, has increased its capital, and its storage capacity from 2000 to 4000 tons, and added two more squid traps.

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Use Dogfish for Fertilizer.

Dogfish have found a bounty on the Pacific Coast. An establishment for the converting of dogfish and seaweed into fertilizer has been completed at Port Townsend, Wash. This is only one of a number of plants which are to be operated by the Pacific Products Co., which is reported to be financed by Seattle capitalists. The firm has located kelp beds along the shores of the Straits, and dogfish will be supplied by fishermen along the coast. It is said a high grade of fertilizer can be produced at a low figure.

ARRIVALS ARE BUT FEW TODAY

Only Four Crafts at T Wharf —Sch. Juno Has Big Cod Fare.

Only four new arrivals put in appearance at T wharf, Boston, during the night, sch. Robert and Arthur having 77,000 pounds and the steam trawler Spray, 72,000 pounds, which are the largest fares.

A nice trip is that of sch. Juno, arriving yesterday afternoon with 92,000 pounds.

Wholesale dealers quoted \$2.25 to \$3 a hundred for haddock, \$5 for large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50 for small cod \$1 to \$2.25 for hake and \$3 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 3500 cod, 70,000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Emily Sears, 200 haddock, 8000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Appomattox, 1000 haddock, 17,000 cod.

Str. Spray, 70,000 haddock 900 cod, 2000 catfish.

Sch. Laura Enos, 1500 cod.

Sch. Yankes, 24,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Juno, 2500 haddock, 90,000 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 20,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.25 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hake, \$1 to \$2.25; cusk, \$3.

SALT FISH ARE NOW FIRMER

Although the demand has not increased greatly, prices are firmer and no concessions are made, the Fishing Gazette says. Fish that 10 days ago could not be sold even at shaded prices is now moving at market quotations. The cool weather has been favorable for the preservation of stocks while it has probably retarded to some extent the catch of some varieties of fish. The outlook for dealers is not particularly good, as prices demanded by fishermen are high.

Salmon, both hard and mild cured, remains firm.

Reports from Lunenburg bankers show that the catch of cod has been rather uneven. Catches range from none at all to 1200 quintals. The latest news from Newfoundland is that the early shore catch has been less than usual, owing to ice. The "Maritime Merchant" says: "It is estimated that there are 20,000 quintals less fish on hand at outports in Newfoundland this year than usual and the influence of this situation is to give greater strength to the markets."

In New Brunswick and on the Gaspé coast the quantity of cod taken is ahead of last year's figures at this date.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.

Drift codfish, large, \$4.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.

Cape North codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50; snappers, \$2.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25, medium, \$3.75.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Hake, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, 90c per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Peak cod, large, \$2 medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Cape North cod, large \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, 90c.

Cusk, large, \$1.40; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c, round, 70c.

LANDING HERRING AT PORTLAND

More than 200 barrels of herring were brought in Sunday by the mosquito fleet, but none were landed as the cold storage houses had their freezing rooms full to the capacity. Evidently the herring fishermen overlooked the important fact that by crowding the plants with fish they are forcing the market down and will receive much less for their fish than they would otherwise. But then the saying is among the fish dealers, "It's a tough job to beat a fisherman." Usually he's got it all ways on the original Yankee stock.

The Preceptor disposed of her halibut yesterday morning. She came in too late Saturday to touch the market. By the way the buying of halibut nowadays lacks much of the life which is injected into it when Capt. Fred Marty is on the job. Capt. Fred has the faculty of making 'em go some even if he fails to get the fish.

The sloop Mineola, which brought in about 50 bbls. of herring Sunday and sold them to the Long Wharf Fish Co., the only herring sale of the day, brought in a handsome great cod caught in the seines while after the herring. It found a ready market.

The schooners Marsala and Hattie L. Trask, two Gloucester fishermen, which have been taking bait here, succeeded in getting away Saturday and are now headed for the halibut grounds. They came in last week with small fares owing to the dogfish, but rather expect to find on their arrival there this time that the dogfish have taken to more shallow water.

Last week was a very poor one for the salt water fish interests, says the Fishing Gazette. Whenever a holiday falls on Friday, as was the case last week, it makes a big hole in the receipts of the wholesale fish dealers and also causes prices to reach bottom.

Mackerel was the most plentiful variety of fish in the market. The netters landed something over 75,000 fish up to noon on Thursday. The heaviest receipts occurred on Wednesday, when about 35,000 fish were received. There were only five mackerel boats in the slips on Thursday, and as there was a severe storm on Wednesday the market men were not looking for any new arrivals until today. Large mackerel sold at 20 to 30 cents each and mediums at a shilling to 16 cents.

Bluefish smacks are beginning to make some good-sized hauls, though up to the present time the catches have not been as large as they will be later, probably during the coming month. In all 15 smacks reached the market this week with a total of 38,900 fish. Averaging the weight of each fish at 4 pounds, means a total of 15,800 pounds of bluefish. Some small vessels brought in a few bluefish. Bluefish sold at 6 to 10 cents.

Only two trips of codfish were landed at the market during the week, the total catch being 4200 fish, or about 30,000 pounds. Market codfish was cheap, the price being 3 to 5 cents per pound.

Steak cod could be had for little money. Sales were made at 6 to 8 cents per pound.

For the first time in months there was a lot of smack haddock in the market this week. It was landed from one of the codfishing boats. The catch was 800 fish, of 4000 pounds. Haddock sold at 3 to 4 cents per pound, with the exception of Thursday, when some sales were made at 5 cents.

There was enough halibut in the market last week to meet the demand. Western whitefish sold at 10 to 11 cents per pound. Eastern whitefish during the first half of the week brought 13 to 14 cents per pound. During the latter half of the week the price was 9 cents to a shilling per pound. The 9-cent fish was not of the very best.

Stake hake was quoted at 3 to 5 cents per pound. The high price prevailed on Thursday.